

Table 58. Combined landings, number of trips and CPUE¹ by major gear type for Currituck County from 1994-2001.

Gear	Pounds	% Pounds	Trips	% Trips	CPUE
Pots	15,636,751	90.63	30,239	77.36	517.1
Gill nets	955,416	5.54	7,678	19.64	124.4
Haul seines	349,870	2.03	408	1.04	857.5
Other	310,423	1.80	763	1.95	406.8
Total	17,252,460	100.00	39,088	100.00	441.4

¹ CPUE = Number of Pounds landed / Number of Trips

Table 59. Combined current and deflated value by major gear type for Currituck County from 1994-2001.

Gear	Current	Deflated	% Value
Pots	\$11,910,891	\$3,061,779	88.57
Gill nets	\$1,095,176	\$282,642	8.14
Pound net	\$262,218	\$67,383	1.95
Other	\$180,362	\$45,811	1.34
Total	\$13,448,648	\$3,457,616	100.00

remained stable into 2001 (Table A27). The number of fishermen reporting landings increased from 1994-1997 and then declined overall from 1997-2001 (Table A27). The number of commercial fishermen composed approximately 1.09% to 1.54% of the work force in Currituck County during the 1994-2001 period (Table A27). The average fishing income increased overall from 1994-1998 and then declined by more than 50% in 1999 (Table A27). The average fishing income then increased again in 2000 but ended the period with a decline in 2001 (Table A27). The percent of the average fishing income relative to the average annual wage per worker in Currituck County followed the same trend as the average fishing income and ranged from a low of 39% in 1999 to a high of 109% in 1998 (Table A27).

The changes in the average fishing income from 1994-2001 correlate positively with changes in the harvest by Currituck County commercial fishermen. As the landings of commercial fishermen for Currituck County increased and decreased so did the